

Weave to
re-create
the past



Weave to
create for
the future

The Roving

September, 2025

September, 2025 Greetings, HWOTV!

Someone who rode a bike in the Tour de France would certainly have strong legs, and depending on their skill, possibly a trophy – maybe a sponsorship of some sort. I participated in the Tour de Fleece, and I believe I got the better of the deal. I ended up with two skeins of beautiful yarn with over 1000 yards apiece, having spent approximately one to two hours of spinning a day (and a couple extra hours to finish up my last skein when it was all over). I spun every day during the tour, except for one – and I had spun the day before which was a "rest day", so I count myself even.

One of the things that made it possible for me, since I worked many days during this time, was using an e-spinner. I got to be very familiar with it, learning many tips and tricks. A couple of the days, I got my time in during break at lunch on the e-spinner. Although I love



Guild Meeting:

Date:

**September 13,
2025**

**Time: 10:00
AM**

**Where: Exeter
Memorial
Building**

Program:

**Ice Dyeing
Day!!**

many technological things, I don't love technology for its own sake. Like a digital book reader, I did not expect to like the e-spinner as much as I do. Still, there's nothing like spinning on a wheel!

Julie McIntosh, President

And NOW.....News from
Our Vice-President and Program Chairman, Monica!



September, 2025

Thank you Lisa for your presentation on NEST. Your powerpoint was so thoughtful, informative, and helpful to all in the audience.

Sophie sent out HGA 's **Your Weaving Legacy** on August 8th. Remember to use this document to instruct others about your wishes. It is also a great way to inventory your fiber arts world.

PROGRAMS

Gather your tools for September 13th, our **Ice Dye Day!!** The guild will provide buckets of Soda Ash solution, gloves, masks, paper towels, small plastic bags, dye powder.

YOU will need:

- a colander (dedicated for dyeing) or nursery flats
- 10 pounds of ice in an ice chest (Costco and Dollar Tree are good sources of ice)

-your plant-based project (a warp, weft, T-shirt, canvas bag, fabric for a sewing project...)

-old N95 mask from the COVID era if you are particular about masks

-old clothes in case of spills. Bring a sun hat, just in case!

There is plenty of time between soaking the item in soda ash and watching the last ice cube melt. Bring a snack, a project to work on or a good book.

Remember, if you did not claim your bag in August, I will have them at this event for pick-up (\$7/bag).

October's meeting (10-11-25) will be focused on the Show and Sale. Many of our members are new-ish. For their sake, we will take the time to share the magic of our annual Show and Sale. We will meet for a short regular meeting followed by a Show and Sale program. We will have answers to questions about the **Show-half** of the Show and Sale.

-Do you have questions about Weaver's Attic, Inspirational Gallery items, the Outreach Area, and others? We will try to answer them.

-If you are a newbie at the **Sale-half** of Show and Sale and would like guidance in pricing, presentations, displays, what to expect and other information, we would like to help you.

Follow-up to July's program... So, if you are interested, your job is to make one (or more) handmade ornament(s). Donate it to the Giving Tree (this is a new idea) at Show and Sale. Your donated ornaments will be sold at Show and Sale apart from the regular vendors. Proceeds from your ornament(s) will be donated to a cancer charity in honor of Donna's vision for ornaments and a Christmas tree, now known as the Giving Tree.

Remember to work on your ornament(s) and have them ready donate during our **October 11th** so we can plan the size of the tree. We really appreciate all your handmade ornaments which will decorate the guild's Giving Tree. Remember, the proceeds from this effort will go to cancer charity.

November 8th is the Challenge Reveal! Bring your **Sunflower** project. Be ready to share and tell about your inspiration. Also, bring the **Summer and Winter sampler** along with your thoughts of this weave!

In December, we say goodbye to 2025, and we look forward to new adventures in 2026. This is a time to acknowledge the many wonderful things our guild has

accomplished and focus on new challenges as we celebrate together. Mark your calendar, Saturday, December 13, 2025.

SHOW AND SALE

Remember, the purpose of Show and Sale is to promote public awareness of the fine art of handweaving and spinning. It also serves as an educational experience for those wishing to share and learn more about one of the ancient arts. In addition, it is one of the best advertisements of our group, our guild; it encourages new membership, while allowing all interested members to display and / or sell their innovative designs. This event has become a fun social event for the guild where members meet friends, neighbors, and frequent guests. Show and Sale preparations are progressing nicely. As always with an event of this size, we need volunteers to help shoulder the tasks.

Applications

Regular booth applications are due at the end of the meeting on September 13, 2025! Places at the Community Table and Bits and Pieces Booth (1 table only=\$25) close at the end of the October (10-11-25) meeting.

Opportunities

FROM SHARON F in Weaver's Attic: As summer wraps up and we enter Fall, it is a good time to clean out our closets, reorganize our studio's, and reevaluate our "treasures." The Weaver's Attic at our annual Show and Sale provides an opportunity for someone else to enjoy those items that we are no longer using while raising funds for our guild. What type of items are suitable to donate? Anything related to fiber arts that is still usable. (No broken items please.) That includes fiber, yarn, thread, looms, wheels, patterns, needles, hooks, kits, notions etc. A little "purging" now and then is good for us. I personally want to donate my treasures to a good cause that fosters creative arts and makes the tools needed a little more affordable. Please bring your "treasures" to our next guild meeting or reach out to me and I will do my best to arrange a "pick up" for you.

Thank you for supporting Weavers Attic!

FROM LISA at the Community Table: We would love to see more of our guild members participate in the October Show and Sale and are trying out a new opportunity for you to do so. This year's show will include a First Harvest community table where you can sell two of your best handmade items and talk about your love for fiber arts with the public. Pre-registration is required

and includes one seat at the First Harvest table plus display space for two of your handmade items. You will be your own banker and handle your own sales. If you have not sold your work at Show and Sale before, this is an opportunity to dip your toe in the water and join the fun. Or maybe you have had a booth in the past, but this year, would prefer to sell just two items without setting up an entire booth or table. Come and be a part of the First Harvest community table with us; all types of fiber arts are welcome! You can register using the Show and Sale registration form (on HWOTV).

FROM LAURIE in the Inspirational Gallery: To encourage. To spark. To energize. To inspire. You all did such amazing work for last year's Inspiration Gallery. You gave works of art, of love, and of spirit. So many of our visitors were awed and amazed by you! I would like to further build on that this year. What have you made this year that YOU were inspired by? Was it a felt painting inspired by Judy? Was it a weaving pattern inspired by Monica? Was it a new technique, style, or finished project? Did you try something new or put a new spin on something old? The Inspiration Gallery is your chance to show off your accomplishments for the year as well as inspire others on their fiber arts journey. Whether it be weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing, etc., our Gallery is a way to highlight our creative work and spark the creativity of others. Please start looking over your completed projects for the year for any that you would be willing to highlight in the Gallery. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 2-5th Lambtown in Dixon, California
- October 6-10th HWOTV Spin and Weave Week- Locations throughout the area
- October 18th Taste of Visalia outreach. We need volunteers who can share a love for fiber arts with the public.
- October 24th Show and Sale set-up- ALL HANDS ON DECK!
- October 25th Show and Sale – ALL HANDS ON DECK! We need you!

August 9, 2025, RED HOT TOPIC: RESOURCES

Resources People Want or Need	Contact
Weave- In for inspiration and energy	Kathleen C
Help with WeavePoint software and troubleshooting	Lisa T
Information and insight (books, DVDs) for Rigid Heddle Loom	Austin C
Help plying yarn	Austin C

Any less desirable wool / need for stuffing / ok if dirty	Rain C
Reed: 8 dent -10 dent	Amy
Knitting for beginners resources	Sharon F
Understanding color	Amy
Source for rayon seed yarn	Monica R

Resource You Might Need or Want	Contact
Colourmart.com	Lisa T
Gilmore looms has incredible service, knowledge, and information 209- 463-1545	
Local Alpaca Fleece	Marta E
Fan Reed Information	Carole M
Visalia Learning Center has many die cuts/tools	Monica R
Michaels has Loops and Threads Easel Loom (\$20-\$30) great for beginners	
Want to know about Fiber/Art events in Fresno area?	Rain C
Outdoor space in Yokuts Valley to do retting	Rain C
How soap works for Scouring raw wool	Amy

PLEASE MEET...

My name is Peggy Newton Battistoni. About 40 years ago, a group of 6 or 7 girlfriends gathered at the Newton's Camp Nelson cabin porch for a 4th of July weekend (which is still reserved for the Wahoo girls event each 4th of July). Kaye Leavens brought up some yarn and was knitting a scarf- and I was hooked! I am currently involved in rigid heddle weaving, Inkle weaving and my go-to, knitting. I live in Lemoore, California with my husband Dale. He is a very creative arts and fiber partner. One of us usually has a fiber project going at all times, especially while watching TV. I was a pre-school teacher-manager for 8 years and then bought Lemoore Flower Shop and retired after 35 years. My creativeness came from my mother who always had a craft going during Holidays.

AND...

My name is Hannah Rook and I'm an Inkle weaver. MY mom is a weaver and got me to join a Rigid Heddle class circa 2017. I did not have the patience or background for it so I didn't give weaving another thought until 2020, when they

needed a few more people in an Inkle class (or it would be cancelled). I joined the class and was more, but not very, interested until the world went into pandemic lockdown. I played around during lockdown and then later took a Baltic pick-up Inkle class. From there I used nature from the world around me, especially as a lifelong Visalian, to show people the beauty of the outdoors. When warping and weaving, my two cats serve as wonderful “helpers”. I look forward to having my wonderful assistants help with my weaving process for many years to come.

And Finally...

I am Dee Dee (Deirdre) King. When I was 6 or 7 years old, I was weaving flat mats from the narcissus bulb leaves from our yard. My mom was pretty understanding about the pilfering from her garden. Currently, I weave, spin, knit, crochet, felt, and dye fiber. I live in Yokut’s Valley, formerly Squaw Valley, just above Fresno. My daughter is a knitter and a crochet-er. She wants to learn to spin!!!



Kaweah Konnection: Kaweah Konnection will meet again in the Fall. Please contact Linda Hayden - saddleblankets@haydenranches.com for further info.

Squeekie Wheels! Due to Library staff meetings next month, we will have **no** Squeekies at the Exeter Library. However, your fearless leader will try to get many of us up here for several spin-ins to make up for it. Watch your e-mails for dates and times!!!



See you next month!

